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## In Support of the Levy

The following editorial is written by Shakerite Editor-in-Chief Mark Edelman, and represents the viewpoints of the Shakerite and its editorial staff.

On Tuesday June 5, 1979, the voters of Shaker Heights will be asked to approve a 6-mil school operating levy. It is essential that the voters of Shaker Heights vote to approve this additional millage. The importance of this levy will not be seen in additional programs at the high school and at the other schools in the school district; the effects of this levy will be seen in the retaining of existing programs in the school system. Because we live in inflationary times, even our school district is not exempt from inflation's toll. In the past two years the prices of natural gas and electricity have increased 27.6 and 22.6 percent respectively. While this does not seem like a large amount, it should be pointed out that cost-of-living index has gone up 10 percent. This increase in the cost of living index has greatly affected the salaries paid to Shaker teachers.

Shaker teachers constitute 85 percent of the district's budget. As was stated in an article in the Cleveland Press late last month, Shaker teachers have the highest-starting and highest maximum salaries for teachers in the state of Ohio. Under their contract with the school board, their salaries are tied to the cost of living index. This contract, signed in 1977, set the salary base of \$10,550 for January 1979 plus 1.5 percent and whatever the cost of living index went up by, up to 7 percent. This raised the teacher's salaries this year by 8.5 percent. In order for Shaker to keep its credibility as a leading school in the country, it must have an adequate teaching staff. In order to have a top-notch teaching staff, it must pay them a modest salary. By doing this, Shaker is guaranteeing that career teachers will remain in the district.

The basic function of this 6-mil levy is to keep the Shaker schools at the high level of excellence that they are at now. If the levy does not pass, the threats of cutting back on programs is not being used. The district needs so much money to operate and this money can be obtained by cutting back on personnel (teachers). What these cut-backs would result in would be a higher student-teacher ratio. This would eliminate many of the AP classes here at the high school which function better with a small class. And while elementary school days were a long time ago, think about what it would have been like to have been in a third-grade class with 40 other kids in your class. Part of Shaker's excellence is due to the small class sizes.

Shaker Heights is a community which thrives on excellence. In the past four years, Shaker's SAT scores have defied the national trend of decline, and in fact, have gone higher each year. This year again, Shaker leads the state of Ohio in National Merit and National Achievement semi-finalists. The debate team is the State and City champions,

and the hockey and girls' field hockey teams were runners-up for the State Championship. This list goes on and on, but I feel that my message has been put across. The special program at Ludlow school for gifted elementary students is one of the few in the nation. Shaker Heights takes special efforts to further the education of its young adults.

The city of Shaker Heights is a city of winners. This is shown in the excellence of its schools. While other additions to the district curriculum could be made, things are fine just as they are. However, with inflation soaring, services can not remain at the prices of two years ago. It is because I feel that the citizens of Shaker Heights take pride in their schools, and would like to keep them at their current levels of excellence, that I endorse the 6-mil operating levy for the Shaker Heights School District.

## LIBRARY REOPENS WITH IMPROVEMENTS

by Susan Hunter  
and Wendy Weitzner

On March 12, after approximately seven months, the library at Shaker opened. Carpeting, newly painted walls, and an increase in the number of bookshelves enhance the expanded library. Artwork, from Mr. James Hoffman's students, decorates the walls. The extension into the old courtyard enables the library to house nearly 26,000 books. The library also provides an opportunity for students to utilize college career and conference rooms.

Although the library is open to students, it has not yet been thoroughly completed. Yet to come, on the upper level, is a room where classes may go for video-tape viewing. This is only a tentative plan for this space, for in the future it is hoped to be used as an A.V. center. Also intended are additional

furniture, shelves, and other minor items.

During an interview with Mrs. Virginia Hoffman, Department Head, she commented, "The library staff worked daily packing, unpacking, and shelving thousands of books -- from the library to the temporary Reference Room, and back again." While construction was taking place, library service never ceased. Students were able to obtain any kind of reference material needed.

Mrs. Hoffman would like to express many thanks to the student volunteers who organized and moved the heavy boxes. If you have not yet visited the library, come in and meet Mrs. Hoffman, assistant librarian Mrs. Juanita McClure, secretary Mrs. Rose Leslie, and library aides Mrs. Loe Miller, Mrs. Ruth Blumenthal and Mrs. Betty Thompson.



## SENIOR PROJECTS

by Kevin Cronin

For the past several years, there has been a conscious effort by the school administration to de-emphasize and phase out the senior projects program. Claiming that a senior project is nothing more than a sham so as to be excused from school, critics have urged the abandonment of senior projects altogether. This year, many, many students submitted senior projects, more than could possibly be accepted. Clearly there is a real value to such a program other than an early vacation.

If two hundred senior projects are submitted, there is a possibility that a few were submitted with the skipping of school rather than the value of the project in mind. However, these projects would never be approved anyway. That is the role of the senior projects review board which screens the

submitted senior projects to prevent unworthy projects from ever going into action. Thus, the argument that senior projects are just shams to skip school is just not a valid point. The senior project program offers a student the chance to learn in an area that a traditional school is just not equipped to handle at a time when seniors are stagnating in the traditional classes.

A senior project is as valid an educational program as that offered in the high school itself. Senior projects afford the student an opportunity to experience what might otherwise be impossible due to school, job or family obligations. Any attempt to phase out the senior project program would limit the academic possibilities of each student and eliminate a valid academic or social opportunity for all.

## Murphy Climbs Ladder

by Eric Shaffer

Paul D. Murphy's career goal is to be a superintendent. Mr. Murphy will be one step closer to reaching that goal with his move to Assistant Treasurer, effective July 1. After nearly two years as principal here at Shaker, Mr. Murphy asked to be reassigned in order to gain experience in administration and thus be better suited for a job as superintendent in another district.

During his two years as principal Murphy has worked hard to improve the high school where improvement was needed. His 1-3-7 and 5-10-15 plans were directed toward reducing cuts and increasing overall attendance, respectively. He has expressed concern over the condition and upkeep of the building itself and has taken action personally to keep it up to par. Murphy has often put in extra hours in aiding and

directing the janitorial staff when they've had problems. He has maintained a stern policy concerning littering and vandalism in the horizontal egress throughout his term, repeatedly closing the egress due to its misuse. Murphy has had good relations with the student body and has tried to meet its demands as much as possible. In general he has striven to keep this high school in operation at its traditional level of excellence.

As Assistant Treasurer Murphy intends to acquire experience in finance and in central administration. Consequently he will be better equipped for a superintendency. For some time Murphy has been determined to reach that goal, and since determination breeds success, he ought to find a superintendency soon.

## "Academic Challenge" - Unchallenging

by Kevin Cronin

On April 14, Shaker Heights High School made its debut on WEWS's "Academic Challenge" and in what was a not too terribly surprising result, Shaker won. Surely the contingent representing Shaker did well for themselves and are to be congratulated, but what does the victory prove? That Shaker Heights High School is as impressive a learning center for trivia as it is for solid education? Is the fact that Shaker could not come up with "Harvey", the name of a six-foot white rabbit in a good, but hardly a classic, play a serious indictment of the Shaker Heights School System? The "Academic Challenge" victory is a triumph in trivia, masquerading as the knowledge all schools should be devoted to, rather than the true test of knowledge "Academic Challenge" pretends to be.

The high quality school system of Shaker Heights that produces more National Merit Scholars than any other school in the state was not on display

on April 14. What was displayed was Shakers' firm grasp on trivia and the simple basics of education. This is not to downplay the efforts of an intelligent and talented Shaker "Academic Challenge" team. The fault lies with an ABC television station that attempts to pass off the quick recall of basics and trivia as a true measure of a high-quality education. We hope this impression of what constitutes a good education is not passed along to the viewers of "Academic Challenge".

Shaker's "Academic Challenge" victory is in spite of, and not a result of, the Shaker Heights School system, for the goals of the two institutions are too dissimilar. The complete education that Shaker strives for is not enhanced by participation in a T.V. trivia contest. Still the Shaker team must be congratulated for the adaptability they displayed in a contest that fortunately Shaker does not stoop to prepare its students for.

## An Open Letter to the School Board

I accuse the School Board of making an arbitrary policy decision. This decision, involves the alleged "promotion" of our principal, Paul Murphy. I believe this action is in fact a dismissal. Mr. Murphy was brought here for the purpose of imposing stricter discipline on Shaker High. His particular task was to use his administration as a transition from the attitudes of the 1960's to the ambitions of the 1980's. You have used him well, and now that he has completed the mission he was given; it seems he is being discarded. Mr. Murphy is a man who has given his life to service; he now gives you one last service. He leaves quietly.

Sincerely Yours,  
Geoffrey Stoller

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## Arbitrary Administration - Who suffers?

by Jeffrey Dunn

The current attendance requirement for "Senior Project" is more a means through which our Administration seeks to avoid work than it is a means to encourage students to pursue their own education. By setting an arbitrary figure of ten absences as that number which disqualifies the Project applicant, those in charge of the activities administration are able to avert a comprehensive review of each application, the only fair way in which to evaluate the project's educational value for the interested student, and scan the computerized attendance sheets to see whether the applicant qualifies.

The attendance requirement was made in order that the student would not miss too many classes and thereby impede his academic progress; the argument is that any fifteen-day absence, as provided by one's participation in the Project, added to any number in excess of ten, is just too high a sum of absences for adequate educational pursuit. This argument is, for the most part, valid, but a few very important considerations have been neglected by our administration to the disadvantage of the student.

The first of these is the cause of the student's absence. No member of the Project's administration ever seeks to determine why the student has missed the classes he has; it is taken for granted that any absences in excess of ten could have been avoided. This lack of necessary effort penalizes only the involved ones, for those members of the hockey team, the debate team, and other such organizations often find it necessary to attend important extracurricular events elsewhere on school days. Their involvement, very unfortunately, therefore serves to lower their chances of Senior Project acceptance, given the current attendance requirements.

The second important consideration neglected by the administration is the value of the student's absence. The attendance policy was enacted in order to restrict students from forfeiting a good part of a semester's education in going on Project, but it is failing miserably in reaching such ends. It is not education this policy encourages, but attendance. A student who knows his material extremely well, but who has missed eleven classes, will be rejected for Project, while a student who knows the material not half as well, but has been good in coming to class, will be received. The current attendance requirement thus fails in its very objective. It does not prevent a student going on Project from being less well educated than he or she should be; it merely assures that those accepted have impressive attendance records.

A third area never considered by the activity's administration is the possible consequences that a rejection may have. A very valuable project may be lost due to a student's disqualification. Both the lessons the student may learn and the value the project may have must be forfeited if a student misses more than ten second-semester classes under existing regulations. Yet such issues as these are never taken into account by the present administration.

Senior Project is a very valuable activity; it takes students from the classroom in which the waning school year atmosphere is not conducive to appropriate educational process and places them on their own initiative. It provides for the student exposure to a field in which he or she knows little. And it even helps morale. The full advantages of this activity are presently not being realized, however, due to existing attendance requirements.

The arbitrary and bureaucratic way in which the Project is currently being run restricts many deserving students from participation for no valid reason. By disqualifying any interested student when failing to review all relevant issues and regarding only computerized attendance records, current administrators follow a policy which is both unfair and disadvantageous to the student. To eliminate such injustice, exceptions to the rule should be made. Regulatory flexibility is the basis on which our American judicial system stands. And should not we, as students, and Americans, too, share in such privileges as these?

## Barricade War

by Dan Hoffman

Shaker Heights City Council voted 6-1 to construct permanent barricades at parts of the city's Cleveland and Warrensville Heights border. The barricades have been an issue for six years since some mothers were concerned about the safety of their children because of the busy traffic. The barricades will cost nearly \$90,000. Councilman Eleanore Adams, the only opposition, wanted the issue on the ballot but the Board of Elections ruled it illegal, saying it was an administrative decision.

Cleveland council took revenge by voting 31-1 to close three streets at the Shaker border. It seems there is a barricade war developing between the two cities. Dennis Kucinich has been predicted to veto the barricades but the council is expected to override the veto. Both Cleveland and Warrensville Heights have sued Shaker over the closings but the cases probably won't go to court for another two years.

Some of the new barricades will be found on Warrensville Center at the Norwood and Scottsdale intersections. Other construction will take place on Scottsdale at the Ingleside, Avalon, and Lee intersections. The barricade issue is still being studied and has by no means ended.

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# Chicken Little's Revenge

by Michael Scharf

Twenty-two thousand miles out in space an event is occurring which has the potential to affect every man, woman and child on the Earth. The immense 175,000 pound Skylab space laboratory is slowly falling to Earth. The huge orbiting satellite is more than five hundred times as large as anything that has fallen from space before. Sometime this summer a ninety-eight-ton fireball will fall to earth, possibly causing widespread destruction.

In May of 1973 when the gigantic Skylab space station was launched, no one would have suspected that in less than a decade it would crash to the Earth. Unfortunately in the summer of '78, just five years after Skylab was launched, something went wrong.

However, there was still no cause for alarm, since the Space Shuttle would be built in time to retrieve the 118-foot satellite. As Skylab continued to circle the earth, its orbit began to decay faster and faster. Recently, NASA experts reported that the shuttle will not be finished in time and there is nothing that can be done to stop the fall of Skylab.

A study released in March indicated that at least six heavier-than-a-ton pieces of the satellite will survive the heat of re-entry friction and hit the Earth with a force equal to that of an atomic explosion. One of these chunks of space debris is a two-ton lead safe that was built to protect film from cosmic rays and radiation. According to a concerned group of scientists that call themselves "Chicken

Little" the lead safe will leave a mile-wide crater when it collides with the earth.

The problem is that impact could occur anywhere on earth between latitudes of fifty degrees north and fifty degrees south. This area covers most of the world's major cities including (of course) Cleveland. The government tells us not to worry because there's only a one in three chance that it will fall on a land mass. What if it does? What if it demolishes a city like Moscow or Peking? Imagine the international consequences!

Between this May and August chunks of molten metal will come hurling out of the sky toward the Earth. Some may harmlessly land in the oceans. Some may not! No, the sky isn't falling - Skylab space station is.

## FALLING SATELLITE CONTEST

Name the exact month of impact

day  
hour  
location

1. To enter write your guesses on a 3x5 file card. Print your name and A.G. number on the reverse side.

2. The winners will be notified by September 7, 1979.

3. Anyone having access to a radar device will not be eligible.

4. The winners will be sent on an all-expense one-way trip to the crash site.

5. In case of tie, a drawing will be held to pick the winner.

6. This contest is void where prohibited by GOOD TASTE.

## Album Review - Bee Gees Flying High

by Cheryl Morgan

If the BEE GEES are your thing, check out their new album. The album is on RSO records and is entitled "Spirits Having Flown". The album contains the two hit singles, "Tragedy," "Too Much Heaven", and others waiting to become what the others are now.

Many people were shocked to hear that the song entitled "Too Much Heaven" and its profits were all given to the organization called UNICEF. The shock was rough because the song was very successful-actually a good tax deduction.

One of the other songs on the album called "Love You Inside and Out" is just now penetrating your radios. This particular song has turned to be one of the most understandable records they have ever made. The reason is their chipmunk-like voices and the speed in which they sing. Sometimes you may wonder whether you don't have your player on 78. But this song happens to be very beautiful and touching. "Until" is another soul-searching ego-tripper song. But in this case Barry Gibb sings not "ahhhing" like Alvin and the Chipmunks but literally singing. Wow! What a change! The title cut "Spirits Having Flown" is a favorite of mine. It takes your breath away. It happens to feel like an evening walk on a beach in Miami. Maybe they wrote this song there. See if you can tell.

The other tunes "Why Aren't We Living Together", "Search, Find", "Stop, Think Again", "I'm satisfied", and "Reaching Out" are good tunes but not as excellent as the first-mentioned tunes. But, if thought seriously when listening to these particular tunes you won't turn them off. They all have something to give in return. That is what you call listenable. The BEE GEES have perfected their songs so well that all of their songs can be "Listenable". That means that all of their songs can be heard and you won't want to turn the needle back to a hit song. That is truly a unique trait!

The BEE GEES new album "Spirits Having Flown" has something to offer for everyone. Fast pace, slow pace, soul (?), love songs, raging songs, everything. Go pick one up ... oh yeah!, if you haven't noticed ... the chipmunk style of singing is the "IN" thing now.

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## Interview with an Ornithologist

by Geoffrey Stoller

This year one of Shaker's seniors is headed toward a career in the advanced study of ornithology. For those of us who haven't heard of this science before, a simpler definition would be the study of birds. This specialist is Vic Fazio. Vic has independently researched and identified in the field 452 species of birds in the world. Although Vic has taken every science offered by Shaker, his favorite subject is studying birds: in short, he is an expert bird watcher. Vic consented to enlighten us about his experiences in this science. The interview follows:

Q. Where are some of the sites you have observed birds?

A. I have extensively birded (observed an area for birds) the east coast of Australia, western Europe, as well as the entire eastern part of North America. Some of the more famous bird sanctuaries I have birded are the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, and Everglades Sanctuary in Florida, the Okefenokee refuge in Georgia, the Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park in Sidney and the Ottawas wild life refuge in Ohio.

Q. How do you go about your observations?

A. On a daily basis I go out in Shaker, equipped with binoculars, pen, paper, and a field guide, listening and looking for any birds that are there.

Q. How do you research these birds?

A. I take my observations, which are the raw data for my research, and compile them into several lists which delineate the importance of these birds. By that I mean they are grouped according to where they are seen. A bird I see in Shaker will be marked on a list of birds of the Shaker lakes for that particular year and it will be noted whether this bird is more abundant or scarcer than the previous year(s). In this way I am able to know if there is a trend in the population growth or decline of the species. I also do this on a broader basis that includes the state.

Q. What rare birds have you seen?

A. Outside of Ohio I have seen the Brown Pelican and the Southern Bald Eagle. In Shaker I have seen a Kirtlands Warbler, the latter being the rarest bird I have ever seen; in fact there are less than four hundred of them in the world.

Q. What are the activities you do in connection with this science?

A. I have illustrated birds for the Shaker Lakes Nature Center, and for The Cardinal, a state bird periodical. I am also a photographer of birds and give slide presentations with lectures.

Q. Is the study of birds a popular hobby?

A. Yes, in the United States perhaps a million people are avid bird watchers.

Q. Do you see people in Shaker having interest in birding?

A. Well if an ornithology course would be instituted interest probably would increase a great deal, and I find it a great substitute for homework.

## Riding The Rails with Amtrack

by Marc Dann

Because of the recent United Airlines strike, like many other holiday travelers, I was forced to seek other means of long-distance transportation. My alternative was taking Amtrack, and the government subsidized passenger rail transportation system turned out to be a sur-

prisingly pleasant way to travel.

If one has the time and the patience, taking the train can make a simple trip into an experience. The crew and the passengers made use of the time available to develop interesting and educational dialogue. The service aboard the train was top

## TERRIFIC TRIVIA

by Craig Beresford

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1. Who played Mickey Daniels in "The Little Rascals?"
2. In Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, who was captain of the Nautilus?
3. Who played Percy Dovetonsils?
4. What was on the license plate of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang?
5. What is a Pushmi-Pullyu?
6. Who is the head of Jellystone Park?
7. What is the name of Speed Racer's car?
8. Name the four railroads in a game of Monopoly.
9. What is Gerald Ford's middle name?
10. What is the Munsters' address?
11. Who is the editor of the Daily Planet?
12. On "M+A+S+H," what is the name of Colonel Potter's mare?
13. What high school does Funky Winkerbean attend?
14. What was Harry Houdini's real name?
15. On "Star Trek," what is the registration number of the U.S.S. Enterprise?
16. What is the address of the White House?
17. Who was Mary Anne Nicholls?
18. What is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
19. What is the name of James Bond's American contact?
20. Who is the arch-rival of Sherlock Holmes?

rate and the train even pulled into the destination fifteen minutes ahead of schedule.

The general appearance of the train was well maintained. The outside of the cars is newly designed and looks extremely modern. Inside, the seats in the cars are roomy and comfortable, and from my observation were in perfect repair. The cars are individually painted with a different color scheme in each of the different cars. Sleeping cars were available which seemed comfortable, but not much bigger than the area provided in the seating cars.

In addition to the sleeping cars (called roomettes) and traveling cars were a lounge car and two dining cars. In the lounge car a variety of conversations is available along with hard and soft drinks and some snack food. The talk on the lounge car ranges from pertinent topics of the day to stories about the heyday of trains and rail supremacy in America.

All along the route are reminders of the days when

passenger trains reigned in the transportation world. Every small town on the route had elaborate stations built to service the hundreds of trains that passed through in the past 100 years of rail service.

The dining car also served as a reminder of the trains' great past. All of the waiters had spent their lives aboard trains and were full of the stories of their moving existence. The food aboard the dining car was surprisingly good and the prices were competitive with local food operations. The service aboard the dining cars was also excellent.

One eastbound train and one westbound Amtrack train stop in Cleveland each day. The run is named the Lakeshore Limited. The westbound train originates in New York City and departs from Cleveland at 8:10 a.m. daily. The eastbound trains is from Chicago and leaves Cleveland at 11:49 p.m.

The cost is minimal, \$28 to Chicago and \$38 round trip. Connections can be made in Chicago or in New York to trains joining the entire country.



# JCWA MURPHY TO LEAVE

## Excels Again

by Mike Scharf

On March 30, the renowned Shaker J.C.W.A. once again proved its excellence at the Cleveland Junior Council on World Affairs competition, held at Cleveland State University. Representing the countries of Russia and Zaire, Shaker was pitted against fifteen of Cleveland's finest schools.

Shaker arrived arrogantly carrying a 5' x 4' Soviet flag. The two time "silver bowl" winners were looking for yet another victory. The Shaker delegates soon divided into their pre-assigned committees to discuss and vote on resolutions. Shaker delegates were armed with such resolutions as a bill to save Idi Amin, an Anti-terrorist resolution, and a World-Wide SALT meeting. Of the ten resolutions passed by the committees to be voted on in the General Assembly, three were written by Shaker students. Even more remarkable is the fact that of the two resolutions that eventually passed in the G.A., one was a Shaker-sponsored and written bill.

Another point in Shaker's favor was the fact that club president, James A. Scharf, was appointed chairman of the General Assembly. Throughout the day, Shaker seemed to dominate the competition.

After speaking to the members of Shaker's J.C.W.A., it seems that most were disappointed, some were outraged, and a few were just plain sorry about the General Organizer's decision not to award a prize this year. But the prevailing feeling was that they all had a great time and can't wait for next year's competitions.

In its own way, Shaker's JCWA was once again victorious. Everyone had a lot of fun, learned a great deal about foreign affairs and the positions of other countries, and improved

by Liffie Sopher

Next year Shaker will have a new principal. After two years on the job, Paul Murphy will be leaving. In the coming year he will be working in the Shaker system as Assistant Treasurer, a job which he and six other principals applied for.

Throughout his career, Mr. Murphy has been aiming at becoming a superintendent. In order to realize this goal Mr. Murphy feels that he needs central office experience. Dr. Taylor has agreed to expand the

responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer's job to include personnel, school finance, and business affairs, areas which Mr. Murphy feels he needs to work in. Because of the relatively high salary he receives at Shaker, Mr. Murphy has fewer positions of superintendent available to him at a higher salary. Next year Mr. Murphy will be getting the experience he needs to become more qualified for the better paying jobs.

The administration is now looking for a new principal. They will be looking for someone strong in curriculum and who will be a powerful leader for the staff. Mrs. McWilliams of the School Board said that they were in no way dissatisfied with Mr. Murphy's discipline and will be looking for a principal who can maintain the progress Mr. Murphy has made. Though Mr. Murphy has enjoyed his years at Shaker, he feels that he must move on.

## The Shaker - German Axis

by Liffie Sopher

On Monday, April 19, 15 students and a faculty adviser from Goslar, Germany, arrived in Shaker to begin a three-week stay. They are participating in an exchange program arranged by The School Exchange Service, a non-profit American organization which promotes trips for high school students which are planned to be school, city and cultural exchanges. In return 12 Shaker students and Mrs. Barbara Hoffmann, the faculty sponsor, will travel to Goslar on June 27 for three weeks.

While the guests were here, many activities were planned. During the day, they attended classes. Each student selected classes he or she was interested in and arranged a schedule to attend these classes every day.

On Tuesday, April 10, they came to Shaker for the first time. In the morning there was a slide show and a tour around school. In the afternoon there was an assembly where the choir sang, the Jazz Ensemble played, and the students were welcomed by Principal Paul Murphy, Superintendent Jack P. Taylor, Language Department Chairman Frank Warnement, and the Shaker students. That evening there was a potluck dinner for the students, their hosts, and their hosts' families. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Warnement were also there to welcome them. During spring vacation, plans included an Easter egg hunt, a trip to Niagara Falls, a picnic, a tour of the NASA facility near the airport, and a tour of Cleveland which included the Public Square area, University Circle, and the

lakefront. The final week began with a trip to the Lordstown auto plant and ended with a goodbye party. The group went back to Germany on April 27. Before coming to Cleveland, the German students were in New York City for two days of sightseeing.

Twelve students from Shaker led by Frau Hoffmann will be going to Germany. It was not a requirement that they be taking German; however, most are. Anyone who wanted to go and would learn some German was allowed. These students plus others in German and foreign language classes sold candy to raise money for the trip to Niagara Falls, to pay part of the airfare, and to cover other expenses. While in Germany, the group from Shaker will be in school for two weeks in Goslar and will travel to West Berlin for four days.

communications skills at the same time.

Last year the club had 25 members; this year it has 60. With its past record, next year may bring more.

Each year the club's performance improves a little bit more. After winning at the Harvard and Georgetown competitions, and virtually dominating Cleveland State's competition, it seems that there is nothing this fine club cannot accomplish. Good luck to J.C.W.A. in the future. May they be as successful as in the past.

### HEIGHTS PHARMACY

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# Bartlett, Berg Sparkle; Raiders Start Slowly

by Marc Dann

The Shaker Red Raider baseball team has gotten off to a dismal start in its quest to retain the Lake Erie League Title. Their league record stands at 1-4 and their record is 2-4 overall. The lone league victory came in an 8-3 win at Shaw. The other positive mark on the Raiders' record is the opening day victory over the Rocky River Pirates at Rocky River.

Ironically the Red Raiders' statistics have been far more impressive than those of their opponents. The Raiders have scored 37 runs to their opponents' 34; however, Shaker's runs unfortunately came at the wrong times. The Earned Run Average of the pitching staff has also been impressive at 3.69 as opposed to the opponents' combined E.R.A. of 6.03. The team batting average has also come out ahead of the opponent's thus far this season standing at .327, 39 percentage points above their opponents .288. The key to the Raider's collapse in the early going has been errors. Shaker's baseball players had committed an astounding 17 errors through the first 5 games.

Leading the 1979 Red Raider baseball team is Senior Chuck Bartlett, who leads the team in both pitching and hitting. Bartlett's batting average stood at .684 after 5 games in addition to one homerun and 7 runs batted in (RBI). The third year letterman also possesses the lowest earned-run average (ERA) on the team, giving up only 1.40 runs per even inning set. His won-lost record stands at 1-1 and he is credited with 12 strikeouts. Bartlett's younger brother, Sophomore Jimmy

Bartlett, leads the team in strikeouts with 21, aided by nine in his first victory over Shaw.

Jim Bartlett has a 1-1 record after three starts and an ERA of 2.00. The pitching staff is rounded out by Senior Mike Arnie who returns from last year's squad, appearing in one game with an ERA of 1.75. Junior Ken Fritz who throws a mean curveball and who has appeared in two games, and senior Steve Lukeachek with an 0-2 record.

Coach Fred Heinlen's lineup has Senior David English, the centerfielder, leading off, Chuck Bartlett, who plays catcher when he is not pitching bats, second, followed by brother Jimmy who is at third when not on the mound. Junior Danny White, who is batting .467 with 5 RBI, is Heinlen's cleanup batter. Left fielder and fifth batter Junior Mike Berg is off to an excellent start, hitting 7 of 13 for a .583 average. Senior Bob Black covers both catcher and third when either of the Bartletts is on the mound and bats sixth. For the Shaw game, Mike Weingaten, a sophomore, had been promoted to the varsity, and batted seventh as designated hitter for second baseman Ken Fritz. Chris Rogus, the shortstop, batting .200, bats eighth and Mark Wiehn, the first baseman, bats ninth.

Also seeing a lot of action, mostly from the designated hitter spot, is senior Steve Brown, who is 3 for 15 for a batting average of .200.

The victory over Rocky River in the opening game was credited to pitcher Chuck Bartlett. The win was relatively

easy with the Raiders coasting over the Pirates by a score of 12-5. The game was highlighted by Chuck Bartlett's 3 for 3 batting performance and Mike Berg's 3 for 4 showing.

Unfortunately the Raiders were brought back to reality by Normandy in the second game of the season. The Invaders sneaked by the Raiders 6-5 in extra innings at the CCC west campus. Shaker was leading 4-0 in the top of the third but Normandy persisted and the score was tied at 5 at the end of the regulation 7 innings of play. Two errors by Jimmy Bartlett in the eighth inning cost the Raiders the game. The loss was pinned on Chuck Bartlett.

The precedent prevailed at Garfield on April 11, when the Raiders again blew an early inning lead. After four and one-half innings, Shaker led the Bulldogs 7-2. Garfield got two runs in the bottom of the fifth and then rallied for 7 in the bottom of the sixth.

The third L.E.L. loss for the Red Raiders was a 4-3 defeat at the hands of the Parma Redmen. The Redmen at this writing are undefeated and are off to a fantastic start. The only highlight of the game was Jimmy Bartlett's home run which was the first of the season for the team. The Raiders battled back from a 3-0 deficit to lose by only one run.

Against Berea, in the first home game of the season, the Raiders again went down to defeat by a score of 11-7. Chuck Bartlett turned in a stellar performance in the maiden game for Shaker's new backstop. Bartlett smashed a three-run homer for the Raiders,

while going 5 for 5 at the plate. The older Bartlett also scored twice. Lukeachek was given the loss.

The turning point for the varsity baseball players may have been the 8-3 victory over Shaw at the CCC central campus. Starter Jimmy Bartlett gave up only one hit in six innings on the mound. The Raiders were aided by 11 walks allowed by Cardinal pitchers.

The Junior Varsity baseball players, under the direction of Dennis Hogue, have not fared much better in the current season. Their record presently stands at 2 and 4. The Jayvees were winless after their first four tries but were able to edge out Berea to end the losing streak in their first home game at Mercer elementary school. The Junior Varsity made it a perfect day for Raider baseball by beating Shaw at the same time as the Varsity.

Coach Hogue indicated that the team will improve with time because the players need time to adjust to one another. The reason for this is the fact that the roster of the JV team is dominated by sophomores who have yet to master the Shaker strategies and have not adjusted to one another's style of play.

Through the first six games of the season, the major weakness of Shaker's baseballers has been on defense. The number of errors causing unearned runs has been the deciding factors in several of the Raiders' losses. The loss of shortstop Craig Moore was also a blow to the Raiders' defensive blockade. The statistics on pitching are respectable and the hitting thus far has been outstanding.

## Icers' Dream Foiled

by Macke Bentley

The Shaker Heights High School 1978-79 Hockey team ended what could have been its best year on a very sad note. After beating the number one team in the western half of the state, Finley, 4-2, Shaker lost its only game of the season to the Centerville Elks, 6-3.

The Raiders rolled into the State Tournament still undefeated but had to play the defending State Champs, the

Findlay Trojans. Findlay, which had proven itself by far the toughest team in its half of the state by record, skated onto the ice expecting any easy victory, but after the Raiders were down 2-0, things started rolling. Shaker scored two quick goals to catch up and at the half way mark of the third period Keith Abood scored the third goal to put Shaker ahead to stay. After Shaker's Abood scored an insurance goal near the end of the

game, the Trojans just couldn't take it, so with twenty seconds left in the game they started a "bench clearing brawl." When the mayhem ended, despite the many bloody faces and sore knuckles, the sweet taste of victory prevailed. When the championship game started, Shaker was to play without the brilliant defense work of Scott Schulz. Schulz received a very questionable game misconduct for being the third man in the

fight. To show the "reliability" of the refs, five other players who were not involved at all received penalties; one player of the five didn't even dress for the game! On top of that Keith Abood suffered a charlie horse in the previous game, Paul Drollinger's shoulder, which was dislocated earlier in the season, pained him throughout both games and Steve Kiser was in the hospital for most of the week of the State Tournament.



# The Heinlen Basketball Dismissal: Two Views

## *School Board Slights Dedicated Coach*

by Philip Goldman, co-Sports Editor

At the end of the 1977-1978 basketball season, the Shaker School Board announced that Coach Fred Heinlen would not be asked to return as coach for the following season. Superintendent Jack Taylor gave no substantial reason for Heinlen's basketball dismissal, and merely stated that a change in the Shaker program was needed. Shaker students, faculty members, and concerned citizens were entitled to an explanation why an innovator in the game of basketball was being dismissed as coach after thirty-one seasons. That public explanation never came, but certainly, it must be guessed that Coach Heinlen strongly disagreed with the Board's position, as he appealed his case.

Fred Heinlen indeed is a rare individual — he is intelligent, moral, and of the highest integrity. Thus, he would appeal his case only if he had substantial truth to back it up. As such, Heinlen quickly built up support in northeastern Ohio, and finally, Dr. Taylor partially reversed his decision by giving Heinlen one more season (1978-79) to coach the game he loves. Unfortunately, Dr. Taylor seemed less than enthusiastic in making this decision, and it appeared that he was sentencing Heinlen to another year, rather than compassionately and benevolently giving him another season. Thus, it seems that Dr. Taylor's reversal of his earlier decision was caused by the political nature of the superintendent's job. Because of the public outcry caused by his earlier decision, Taylor seemed forced to change his mind, at least for one season.

The greatest injustice paid to Coach Heinlen has been the lack of recognition given him right here at Shaker. During the last home game of this basketball season, as announcer, I was instructed that it would be best that nothing be said concerning that game being Heinlen's last home appearance as coach, after thirty-two seasons. My reaction was, and still is, that the administration is embarrassed by its decision. The following week, while playing on the west side, Coach Heinlen was recognized by that school for his thirty-two years of dedicated service, and was given a warm ovation. To me, it was disgusting that he would be appropriately honored there, and not here at Shaker. Furthermore, there has yet to be any formal recognition of Heinlen's service to Shaker as basketball coach by the athletic director and faculty. In a time when true dedication in teachers is becoming hard to find, it seems to me that Shaker's athletic administration easily could have scraped up enough money at least to have given Heinlen a plaque before the student body. However, it is less embarrassing for the administration to ignore this thirty-two seasons than to formally honor him before the student body.

I am still waiting for the Shaker School Board formally to recognize Heinlen's thirty-two years as basketball coach, either in the form of a letter of commendation or by a public resolution of thanks. Considering the way that Dr. Taylor and the Board has handled this situation thus far, I may be waiting a very long time for their recognition of Coach Heinlen. If Dr. Taylor and the Board cannot do this action out of true appreciation, then they at least ought to do so because of protocol.

Furthermore, if Dr. Taylor and the Board feel it necessary to take so active a role in Shaker's sports program, they at least should have the courage and interest to appear once in a while at a Shaker sports event. I saw every home game that Shaker played and missed only four away games, and did not see Dr. Taylor nor a school board member at any basketball game. Perhaps if they had seen Heinlen enthusiastically coach and teach his team, they would not have made their decision to fire Heinlen as basketball coach.

Thus, on behalf of the Shaker student body, the Shakerite thanks Fred Heinlen for his thirty-two years of dedicated service to the basketball program. It is our hope that his treatment by the administration will not tarnish his enthusiasm as varsity baseball coach in the years to come. It is only a man of Heinlen's character who is capable of rebounding from such an experience, without losing his love or enthusiasm for coaching and teaching.

## *Future Looks Bright with Gacey*

by Marc Dann

The appointment of a proven winner to the basketball head-coaching post at Shaker is evidence of the school's dedication to excellence in athletics. Don Gacey's phenomenally successful record at Cathedral Latin High School is proof positive that the new coach will bring to Shaker a winning attitude.

The time is right for both the school and the new coach. The school is ready for something new on the basketball court. The difficult ending to Fred Heinlen's thirty-two years as basketball coach makes the naming of a proven coach with new ideas imperative. Gacey became a man without a school when the closing of Cathedral Latin was announced in February. The home of all his basketball coaching glory would no longer exist.

The all-important credential of being a winner is what makes the outlook for Gacey association with Shaker appear so bright. He has brought Cathedral Latin a state championship and his teams have finished second in the state on two other occasions.

Winning in athletics is important not only to the athletes but to the entire student body. The unity of the student body is the most important byproduct of athletic success. The axiom that everyone supports a winner is especially true at Shaker High School.

Gacey's open style may bridge the gap between black and white students which exists at Shaker and make the basketball program more appealing to the entire school community.

The new coach also faces the challenge of playing the numbers game with administrators and school board members. Members of the community who spend more time counting blacks and whites at an athletic event than they do counting the points will put tremendous pressure on the new coach. Until people realize that no blacks or whites take the floor on Friday nights, only basketball players, Gacey will have to play their numbers games.

The circumstances surrounding Fred Heinlen's departure are unfortunate. The only possibility for Shaker fans is to look forward to the future. Don Gacey's winning style makes the future look positive.

## *Administration Ignores Near-Champion Teams*

by Douglas Krejsa

This year, Shaker Heights has had two athletic teams venture through the sectional, district, and regional playoffs. Both teams made their way to the finals of state competition. Unfortunately for both of these hard-working teams, their efforts fell short of a state crown by one game. Yet in each case, little recognition was given for either team's accomplishments.

Shakers' outstanding Ice-hockey team led by coach Mike Bartley took a 27-0-1 record into the final game of state competition only to lose a 6-3 decision at the hands of Centerville. But, despite this loss in the last game of the season, no other team in Shaker's history of hockey had accomplished what this team had. Shaker's field hockey team was just as outstanding. They battled down to the state finals and lost 1-0.

Indeed, at Shaker Heights high school, there is a strong competitive spirit academically as well as athletically. Students are prodded to do their best and be the best at what they do. But, is our administration so wrapped up in being No. 1 that it does not honor such accomplishments as these?

At Cathedral Latin and St. Joseph high schools similar situations occurred but with different results. Each team lost its state basketball final. They finished second in the state but they were still recognized by their schools' administrations for their outstanding accomplishments. If Shaker Heights really is the best school district in the Cleveland area, it certainly didn't show its intelligence in this situation. There is something wrong with an administration, such as Shaker's, that doesn't honor people if they don't finish "best" or "No. 1". What's wrong with finishing second, anyway?